

Kristin Anne Connarn

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Biography

Kristin A. Connarn leverages her background in biotechnology and cancer research to effectively guide clients through strategic patent portfolio development and management. Her practice focuses on life sciences patent prosecution, portfolio development, and management in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors.

Kristin's clients range from startups to international pharmaceutical companies, nonprofits, medical centers, and universities, as well as venture capital and private equity investors. She supports clients in strategic counseling, patent portfolio development and management, and patent prosecution. She also guides clients through transactions and agreements that involve intellectual property assets, including joint development agreements, sponsored research agreements, licenses, and complex commercial transactions.

Kristin has vast experience working with companies developing novel biologics in the cell and gene therapy spaces, including oncology, autoimmune, and inflammatory diseases. She assists clients in developing and executing IP protection strategies on therapeutic antibodies, recombinant proteins, targeted delivery of therapeutic including using antibodies and nanoparticles, and therapies including microbiome transplantations, CAR-T, CAR-NK, and TCR-T cells. Kristin also works with companies developing biologics to treat and prevent infections, including COVID-19.



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Practices

Intellectual Property

IP and Technology Transactions

Patents

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Strategic Counseling and Portfolio Development

Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies

Education and admissions

Education

Kristin's patent prosecution experience includes methods of treatment and diagnostics, dry powder inhalation therapies, food science, vaccines, and medical devices. She develops and delivers trainings for in-house legal and scientific teams regarding invention disclosures, patentability, and inventorship.

Kristin has industry experience as a researcher for the Cancer Bioscience and CNS groups at AstraZeneca R&D Boston, where she applied molecular and cell biology techniques to research cancer and Alzheimer's disease. She also researched gene activation with Transkaryotic Therapies.

Awards and rankings

- Patent Law, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2018-2019, 2021
- Patents: Prosecution, *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2019
- Ranked in U.S. (Massachusetts), *IAM Patent 1000*, 2017-2019
- Boston Rising Star, *The National Law Journal*, 2015

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - JPM2023 Trendspotting: funding and early valuation
- News
 - JPM2023 will be an event like no other. How can you make the most of it?
- Awards and Rankings
 - Kristin Connarn named to MA Lawyers Weekly's Go-To Lawyers for Life Sciences/Health Care list
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - Beyond the Business Pitch at JP Morgan: Key Issues for Emerging Companies and Investors in 2022
- News
 - New Orange & Purple Book laws increase transparency of patent information for drugs, biologics
- Hogan Lovells Events

J.D., Suffolk University Law School, cum laude, 2005

B.S. Biotechnology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, with high distinction, 1999

Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

- Moving at warp speed: Are you ready to go to market?